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Landing Party From American Vessel
Interviews Him—He Declares That He Means
Business.

Colon, Dec. 18.—The United States cruiser Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, has returned here from the gulf of Darien. She discovered, Dec. 15, a detachment of Colombian troops, numbering visibly about 500 men, but, according to their own statements, totaling 1,500 or 2,000 men, at Titumati, on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrato river and due east from Yaviza.

The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer, who conversed with the Colombians' commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Colombian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared, and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner ignored the request, and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Coghlan.

The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously, they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruisers Cartagena and General Pinzon.

Colombian Schooner Overhauled.

Early in the morning of Dec. 15 the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the center of the gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an islet. Lieutenant Harlan P. Perrill of the Atlanta was ordered to board her, and thereupon a whaleboat was lowered and pulled toward the schooner. It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred armed Colombian soldiers, commanded by General Rafael Novo, who said General Daniel Ortiz, commander in chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlantic and the Pacific, had a large camp a mile away on the mainland. General Novo requested Lieutenant Perrill to land and confer with General Ortiz.

After temporarily returning to the Atlanta Lieutenant Perrill went back to the schooner, which in the meantime had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach. There were repeated cries of "Viva Colombia!" and there was a sudden concentration of about 150 Colombian soldiers on the beach. For some moments the situation seemed dangerous and had the appearance of an ambush.

General Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieutenant Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the meantime lying close to the beach. General Ortiz insisted that Lieutenant Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern because she was in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the stars and stripes. General Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turner, who handed it to Rear Admiral Coghlan on his arrival here.

During the conference with the Colombians ashore Lieutenant Perrill was surrounded by General Ortiz's staff, while inland a few paces there was a semicircle of armed sentinels. The beach in both directions was also lined by sentinels. General Ortiz did not permit Lieutenant Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Perrill was awaiting the Colombian protest First Lieutenant Edward B. Manwaring, U. S. M. C. (commanding the marine guard of the Atlanta), rowed up in a cutter for the purpose of communicating with Lieutenant Perrill and to gain certain military information. Lieutenant Manwaring went ashore, and the cutter joined the whaleboat off the beach.

Lieutenant Perrill returned to the Atlanta at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Lieutenant Manwaring before returning pulled in the cutter along the coast, observing the Colombians' camp. Later in the day General Ortiz requested the Atlanta to leave.

The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.

General Ortiz and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case General Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

Demetrio Castro's Flight.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Pacific Mail steamer Barracouta, just arrived here from Panama, transported General Demetrio Castro of the Colombian forces away from the seat of trouble to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. His departure was rather sensational. When the new republic of Panama was proclaimed, General Castro was requested to take the oath of allegiance. He refused and was ordered to leave the country. Failing to do so, a squad of soldiers waited upon him and escorted him aboard the Barracouta.



THIRTY YEARS AGO.

James F. Boyle, of Lowell, Mass., was cured of chronic bronchitis by Father John's Medicine. "My family," he writes, "have used it ever since." Cures colds or money back. 50 years in use.

DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION.

An Englishman Is Impressed by Our State Universities.

Hon. William Henry Jones, member of the English parliament, who is visiting the United States with the Mosely delegation which has for its purpose the study of higher educational methods in America, is much impressed with the growth of democracy in education here and declares that the state universities are superior to the privately endowed colleges.

In a recent statement Mr. Jones said it would be difficult to name the first five great American universities, as we have so many institutions of unquestionably high standing and large purpose, but that if he were to do so seriously he probably would have to name them, following the sun, Harvard, Cornell, the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin and the University of California.

To name the first ten, he said, would be still more difficult, as that would put a larger number of great institutions into competition, but that if he were to do so it would be almost impossible for him to add any five to the first list mentioned that did not include the state universities of Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and possibly Kansas and Tennessee.

He states that if there is any one college that would have preference with him it probably would be the University of Wisconsin.

"This university," he says, "is strong in numbers. It is democracy, where merit alone counts. Its standing in scholarship is of the highest; its degrees are recognized by every university in the world, and its spirit and purpose are as broad and inclusive as the universe. Unlike the older colleges of the east, it is not circumscribed and hampered by a conservative, classic curriculum, nor is it intimidated by its benefactors, as are some of the colleges founded by the predatory rich."

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Private Street Car For Girls.

Aristocratic schoolgirls attending the Misses Mittleberger and the Miss Spencer schools in Cleveland, O., are to have a private street car to take them to and from school, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The request was made because the young women object to making their way through the crowd of smokers on the rear platforms of the regular cars and the young men who persist in trying to flirt with them after they get inside of the cars. The service will be installed the first of the year.

Revival of Fencing in Japan.
The practice of fencing has been revived among young Japanese noble women.

Coasting.

I like to watch a crowd of boys go sliding down a hill.
For then within my memory awakes a tender thrill
Of a time back in the winter of the past,
So long ago.
When us fellows used to watch and wish for the first sign of snow,
And when at last a morning came with ground all covered white
From a rippling, roaring blizzard that had struck us in the night,
Then the tinkling of the sleigh bells sent one bounding out of bed
For the glorious fun of coasting "belly-bump" on a sled.

If you were once a boy yourself, just getting in your teens.
No doubt you'll fully understand what "belly-bump" means.
You take hold of the sled rope and just give a sort of hop;
Then down upon your racer you throw yourself keelup.
And as for the position—well, of course a boy don't mind
A-lying on his stomach with his heels stuck out behind.
But should you swerve out from the rut and strike an icy hump
You will find it just a fellow when he's coasting "belly-bump."

And often when the sport was done and I went home at night,
To do full justice to a big inflated appetite.
And with the evening ended sneak away off to my bed.
The thought of that day's sliding would go thumping through my head,
So that in my sleep I used to sometimes whoop a bit and shout,
Which brought my mother up to see what it was all about.
And then in explanation I have rubbed my eyes and said,
"I dreamt that I—was coasting—'belly-bump' on my sled."

Well, that was years and years ago, and yet I see today
That boys still do their sliding in the good, old fashioned way,
And when I hear their joyous shouts and see their cheeks aglow
I think of all the little chaps that I once used to know.
And a flood of tender memories comes creeping on me till
I, as a little fellow, climb that old New England hill
And stand mid old time comrades once more, a boy who led
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—Dan W. Gallagher in Boston Globe.

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BOER COLONY IN MEXICO.

Said to Be Assuming Proportions of Successful Enterprise.

The Boer colony in Santa Rosalia, in Mexico, will soon be successfully launched, as is shown by the fact that within the next few months many more new families from South Africa will arrive, says the Chihuahua dispatch to the Mexican Herald. Preparations are now being made for their reception, and the welcome given the people seeking a new home will be a hearty one.

General W. D. Shyman, who has as his sole ambition the forming of a Boer colony in America, is at Santa Rosalia and is in the best of spirits, as he is rapidly realizing his cherished hopes. He has received word that ten Boer families sailed from Cape Town on Nov. 4. A brother of General Shyman, who is now in South Africa, is selling out his interests there and will arrive at Santa Rosalia in April with ten families, and in February Henning Van Aswegen, who is engaged to the daughter of the general, will arrive with ten more families. With this number of Boers in the colony the project will be a success, and the earnest work of the promoter will be rewarded.

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